

Surah 49 Surah Hujuraat

THE ROOMS

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH HUJURAAT AND SURAH FATAH

After the victory of the Muslims was announced in *Surah Fatah*, Allaah advises them about their code of conduct after defeating their enemies.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

This *Surah* may also be divided into two parts. The first part commences at the beginning of the *Surah* and concludes at the end of verse 13. This part contains the following two basic themes:

- * Showing respect to Rasulullaah ﷺ and the proper etiquette to be adopted when interacting with him.
- * Etiquette of social interaction between Muslims.

The second part begins with verse 14 and ends with the close of the *Surah*. This part reproaches some villagers who declared their Imaan, thinking that they were doing a favour to Rasulullaah ﷺ. Allaah tells them that true Imaan means not doubting any part of faith and exerting oneself with one's wealth for the cause of Islam.

This part of the *Surah* also takes the message of *Towheed* further. While *Surah Muhammad* ﷺ made the statement "Laa ilaaha Illallah" ("**None is worthy of worship but Allaah**"), *Surah Fatah* goes a step further to assert that none other must be regarded as partner to Him and His purity from partners must be hymned morning and evening. Now, *Surah Hujuraat* clearly asserts, "**Verily Allaah has knowledge of the unseen things in the heavens and the earth and Allaah Sees what you do**" [verse 18].

سُورَةُ الْحُجُرَاتِ نَبِيَّهُمْ مَا فِي عَشْرَةِ آيَاتٍ فِيهَا الْكُوفَةُ
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَقْدُمُوا بَيْنَ يَدَيِ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ①

1. O you who have Imaan! Never proceed (rush) ahead of Allaah and His Rasool ﷺ. (Never do anything or comment on anything until Allaah and Rasulullaah ﷺ have issued directives concerning the matter). Fear Allaah, for verily Allaah is All Hearing, All Knowing.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَرْفَعُوا أَصْوَاتَكُمْ فَوْقَ صَوْتِ النَّبِيِّ وَلَا تَجْهَرُوا لَهُ بِالْقَوْلِ كَجَهْرِ بَعْضِكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ
أَنْ تَحْطَأَ أَعْمَالُكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَشْعُرُونَ ②

2. O you who have Imaan! Never raise your voices above the voice of the Rasool ﷺ (literally and figuratively) and do not speak to him loudly as you speak loudly with each other, lest your deeds be laid to waste without your realising it.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَغُضُّونَ أَصْوَاتَهُمْ عِنْدَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ امْتَحَنَ اللَّهُ قُلُوبَهُمْ لِلتَّقْوَىٰ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ
وَأَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ ③

3. Verily those who lower their voices with Rasulullaah ﷺ are the ones whose hearts Allaah has (examined and) purified for Taqwa (prepared for piety). They shall have forgiveness and a tremendous reward (of sincerity and devotion.) (Taqwa also implies revering the Quraan, the Rasul ﷺ, Salaat, Kaabah).

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ ينادُونَكَ مِنْ وَرَاءِ الْحُجُرَاتِ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ ④

4. (Referring to some people who shouted for Rasulullaah ﷺ from outside his quarters, Allaah says,) Indeed most of those who call for you (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) from outside the rooms (of your wives) have no understanding (of etiquette, because of which they did not respect your privacy).

وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ صَبَرُوا حَتَّىٰ تَخْرُجَ إِلَيْهِمْ لَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ⑤

5. If (instead of shouting for you) they had exercised patience until you came out to (meet)

them, it would have been best for them (because they would then not have been guilty of invading the privacy of Allaah's Rasool). (However,) Allaah is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful (and will forgive them if they sincerely repent).

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن جَاءَكُمْ فَاسِقٌ بِنَبَأٍ فَتَبَيَّنُوا أَن تُصِيبُوا قَوْمًا بِجَهَالَةٍ فَتُصْحِرُوا عَلَى مَا فَعَلْتُمْ نَدِيمِينَ ①

6. O you who have Imaan! If any sinner (or anyone else) brings you any news, then verify (investigate it to establish the truth) it, lest you should harm any nation unknowingly (because of being misinformed) and then become remorseful (regretful) over your actions. (In this manner, false news will be nipped in the bud.)

وَأَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ فِيكُمْ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ لَوْ يُطِيعُكُمْ فِي كَثِيرٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْرِ لَعَزِمْتُمْ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ حَبَّبَ إِلَيْكُمُ الْإِيمَانَ وَزَيَّنَهُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ وَكَرَّهَ إِلَيْكُمُ الْكُفْرَ وَالْفُسُوقَ وَالْعِصْيَانَ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الرَّشِيدُونَ ②

7. (Addressing the Sahabah رضي الله عنهم, Allaah says,) Know well that the Rasool of Allaah is in your midst (referring to the time when he lived with them). There are many matters which you would place you in difficulty if he (the Rasool ﷺ) were to obey you (for the Rasool ﷺ acts on the orders of Allaah). However, Allaah has made Imaan beloved to you, has made it beautiful within your hearts and has made kufr, sin and disobedience abhorrent (extremely disgusting) to you. Such people (with these qualities) are rightly guided.

فَضَّلَا مِنَ اللَّهِ وَنِعْمَ اللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ ③

8. (This guidance is comes from) The grace and bounty from Allaah. Allaah is All Knowing, the Wise (knows everything).

وَإِنْ طَائِفَتَانِ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ اقْتَتَلُوا فَأَصْلَحُوا بَيْنَهُمَا فَإِنْ بَغَتْ إِحْدَاهُمَا عَلَى الْأُخْرَىٰ فَقَاتِلَا الَّتِي تَبْغِي حَتَّىٰ تَفِيءَ إِلَىٰ أَمْرِ اللَّهِ فَإِنْ فَاءَتْ فَأَصْلَحُوا بَيْنَهُمَا بِالْعَدْلِ وَأَقْسِطُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُقْسِطِينَ ④

9. If two groups of Mu'mineen (quarrel or fight) each other, then reconcile (create harmony) between them. (However, despite your efforts to reconcile,) If the one group transgresses against (oppresses) the other, then fight that (transgressing) group until they return to (the obedience of) Allaah's command (to live in peace and harmony with other Muslims). If they return (to the reconciliation process and stop quarrelling/fighting), then reconcile (set things right) between them with justice. Be just, for Allaah loves those who exercise justice.

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلَحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ⑤

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10. The Mu'mineen are all brothers (because they all belong to the same Deen), so reconcile (create harmony) between your brothers (whenever a dispute arises). Fear Allaah so that mercy may be shown to you.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَسْخَرُوا مِنْ قَوْمٍ عَسَىٰ أَنْ يَكُونُوا خَيْرًا مِنْ نِسَائِكُمْ وَلَا نِسَاءُ مِنْ نِسَائِكُمْ عَسَىٰ أَنْ يَكُنَّ خَيْرًا مِنْهُمْ وَلَا تَلْمِزُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَلَا تَنَابَزُوا بِالْأَلْقَابِ بِئْسَ الْأَسْمُ الْفُسُوقُ بَعْدَ الْإِيمَانِ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿١١﴾

11. O you who have Imaan! Men should not mock (scoff) other men for perchance (perhaps) they (those mocked) may be better than them (those who mock). Neither should any women mock other women, perchance they (the mocked ones) may be better than them (those who mock). Never find with fault nor defame each other (Muslims) and do not call each other (by offensive and insulting) names. (To accuse a person falsely) Of sin after (he has accepted) Imaan is indeed evil. Those who do not repent are indeed oppressors (of their own selves because they will be subjecting themselves to punishment).

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اجْتَنِبُوا كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الظَّنِّ إِنَّ بَعْضَ الظَّنِّ إِثْمٌ وَلَا تَجَسَّسُوا وَلَا يَغْتَبَ بَعْضُكُم بَعْضًا يَأْتِيكُمُ الْحَدِيثُ أَنَّ يَأْكُلُ لَحْمَ أَخِيهِ مَيْتًا فَكَرِهْتُمُوهُ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَوَّابٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿١٢﴾

12. O you who have Imaan! Refrain (stay away) from excessive assumption (suspicion and assuming evil things about people without verification). Verily, some assumptions are a sin. (Good assumptions about people are however encouraged.) Never spy (on people) and never backbite each other. Does any of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother, which you so detest? (Backbiting equals the sin of eating the dead flesh of one's brother.) Fear Allaah. (If you repent for these sins, then remember that) Allaah is Most Pardoning, Most Merciful.

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ ﴿١٣﴾

13. O people! We have certainly created you from a single male (Adam ﷺ) and female (Hawwa) and made you into various families (nations) and tribes so that you may recognise each other (so that each person may know where he belongs and who the others are). (Your differences in lineage and race do not make any of you superior to others because) Verily, the most honoured of you in Allaah's sight is the one with the most Taqwa. (piety, purity, righteousness) Allaah is certainly All Knowing, Informed (Only He knows whose Taqwa is best.)

قَالَتِ الْأَعْرَابُ آمَنَّا قُلْ لَمْ تُؤْمِنُوا وَلَكِنْ قُولُوا أَسْلَمْنَا وَلَمَّا يَدْخُلِ الْإِيمَانُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ وَإِنْ تُطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ لَا يَلِتْكُمْ مِنْ أَعْمَالِكُمْ شَيْئًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿١٤﴾

14. The villagers say, "We have Imaan." Say, "You do not have Imaan but rather say,

'We have accepted Islaam' because (true) Imaan has not yet entered your hearts.” (Imaan and Islaam are separate.) If you obey Allaah and His Rasool ﷺ, Allaah will not reduce (the rewards for) your actions in the least. Verily Allaah is Most Forgiving (of the past), Most Merciful (will reward in full).

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَرْتَابُوا وَجَاهَدُوا بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الصَّادِقُونَ ﴿١٥﴾

15. The (true) Mu'mineen are those who believe in only Allaah and His Rasool ﷺ and then have no doubts (about anything that comes from Allaah and Rasulullaah ﷺ); and they strive with their wealth and lives in Allaah's way (for the upliftment of the Deen). These are the ones who are true (in their claim of being obedient to Allaah and Rasulullaah ﷺ).

قُلْ أَعْلِمُونَ اللَّهُ بِدِينِكُمْ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ﴿١٦﴾

16. Say (to those boasting about their acceptance of Islaam), “Are you informing (showing) Allaah about your (acceptance of the) Deen when Allaah has knowledge of whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth? Allaah has knowledge of everything.” (There is therefore no need to inform everyone about your coming into Islaam)

يُؤْمِنُونَ عَلَيْكَ أَنْ أَسْلَمُوا قُلْ لَا تَمْنُوا عَلَيَّ إِسْلَامَكُمْ بَلِ اللَّهُ يَمُنُّ عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْ هَدَيْتُكُمْ لِلْإِيمَانِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿١٧﴾

17. (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) They boast about their favour to you that they have accepted Islaam. Say, “Do not boast to me about your acceptance of Islaam. Rather (than being a favour from you) it was Allaah Who favoured you by guiding you to Imaan, (you would certainly realise this) if you are true (in your Imaan).”

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَعْلَمُ غَيْبَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاللَّهُ بَصِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٨﴾

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18. Verily Allaah has knowledge of the unseen (hidden) things in the heavens and the earth and Allaah Sees what you do. (He knows the inner condition of every person's heart and will call them to account for everything regardless of what they tell people.)